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## Alumni reunion planned for July 1997!

We are pleased to confirm that the second Alumni Reunion will take place from 31 July – 3 August 1997. With just under 700 alumni from 95 countries we are hoping for even larger numbers than 1993 so please return your indication of interest (enclosed) as soon as possible and, even better, your booking form (book IDS accommodation early for special discount!). Make sure you contact friends who may not be in touch with us so that we have up-to-date contact addresses for as many as possible over the next few months so that we can keep you posted as plans and lists of those attending unfold.

We are looking for maximum alumni involvement in planning the Reunion and we look forward to your ideas for discussion topics and offers of presentations. The Reunion will also be an opportunity to develop IDS Alumni along lines you want incorporating features you would find useful. Our first proposal is a special alumni

subscription package offering 30% discount on all our publications (details enclosed).

We are always delighted to see the regular flow of alumni who visit IDS all through the year and provide a fascinating insight into the diverse careers pursued since leaving IDS. If you let us know in advance that you propose to visit IDS we will do our best to make your visit useful and productive (including discounted accommodation) in return for updating us on your activities and chatting informally to current students.

We are also delighted to meet up with alumni on our travels. Indeed we are always touched and deeply grateful for the welcome extended to Fellows and IDS members around the world. Thriving alumni groups

are now developing in all corners of the globe: next page, **Martin GREELEY (DPhil85)**, our new Chair of Teaching, describes the support he received from the **Bangladesh** network during his 2 year stay. **Kim TRES (MP14)** has helped develop a thriving group in **Mexico** (see **Bernardo MENDEZ Lugo (MP4)**'s article on page 7). Others report chance encounters around the world – and **Puerto Rico** (see page 10) seems to be a lively meeting place. The alumni network is also an increasing and valuable support and resource for current students for internships and career advice. And nearly all alumni groups – particularly **Japan** – seem to have welcomed **Hans Singer** on his many globe-trottings (see Supplement).

### STOP PRESS New IDS Alumni WWW site Homepage

Before the next reunion we are keen to track down as many as possible 'lost' alumni, an exciting development which is already producing long-lost alumni is, of course, the Internet. With this edition we are producing a list of email addresses and we are considering how to develop the use of the Internet further, starting with a WWW site. Homepage at <http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/teach/alumni/>.

IDS ALUMNI NEWS

**Martin GREELEY (DPhil85)** has just returned from a two year sojourn in **Dhaka, Bangladesh** where he was re-surveying villages he worked in fifteen years ago. He writes:

Although there is no formal alumni group in **Dhaka** there are a large number of alumni many of whom are in regular contact. Several are well-established researchers, others are involved in Bangladesh's development efforts through their work for the government, in NGOs or in donor agencies. A group of them met at Martin's house in Dhaka soon after he arrived but it was not until he'd been there for some time that it became apparent how widespread the alumni network is (and how useful it can be when the tangled web of bureaucracy seriously slows up visa renewals!). There are two new IDS research projects starting in Bangladesh this year – on sustainable livelihoods and on the spatial integration of grain markets – so there will be plenty of opportunity to renew contacts and build on the strong social and professional links already there amongst the alumni.'

## IDS and the New South Africa

Perhaps most gratifying of all is to see our South African alumni (on whom we last reported in **IDSAlumnews 2** in 1992), rise to positions of distinction in the new government: for example, **Ketso GORDHAN (MPI2)** is Director-General of the Department of Transport since June 1994; **Zav Rustomjee (MPI4)** is Director-General of the Department of Trade and

Industry (where **Faizel ISMAIL (MPI4)** is a Chief Director). And one year ago, **Moses NGOASHENG (MPI3)** was made special adviser on economic affairs to the Executive Deputy President, **Thabo Mbeki**, another Sussex graduate. A number of this group (see below) accompanied **Thabo Mbeki** when he received an honorary doctorate



from the University in a special ceremony in October 1995, and spoke eloquently and authoritatively of how they were facing the development challenges in the new South Africa. The Deputy President and this group also participated in a high level dialogue with leaders of British industry, commerce and academia (which included the Governor of the Bank of England, see above) which was held at IDS at this time.

Meanwhile other South African alumni continue to make their mark in the new South Africa: **Pinky Mashigo (DPhil)** is working at the EU Office in **Pretoria** and her responsibilities include the microenterprise support programme. **Claudia MANNING (MPI4)** is completing her DPhil and also acting as consultant to the South

African government on small business. **Avril JOFFE (MPI1)** is working with the industrial strategy project and doing research consultancies in human research development for trades unions. **Glen ROBBINS (MPI7)** works for the Urban Strategy Group at the Durban Metropolitan Council on regional industrial policy and **Edmond MHLONGO (MPI5)** is employed at the Peace Commission in **Durban**. **Mike MORRIS (DPhil81)** is Director of the School of Development Studies at **Natal University**, working with **Chris Stevens** and **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil 80/81)** on the training of civil servants and regional industrial policy. **David KAPLAN (DPhil78)** is Director of the Development Policy Research Unit at the University of **Cape Town** and continues to collaborate with **Raphie** on industrial and technology policies. **Sharda NAIDOO (MA5)** is development policy manager in technology for development at the Centre for Science and Industrial Research (CSIR).

In addition to **Raphie KAPLINSKY** and **Chris Stevens** work with the Department of Trade and Industry, other IDS Fellows are working with the new government: **Chris Colclough** advises the Department of Education, **Malcolm Segall** works in the Ministry of Health and **Stephen Devereux** with the Ministry of Public Works. **Ian Scoones** and **Robin MEARNS (MPI4)** are also developing work in South Africa.



# MAnews

## MA1 (1987-88)

co-directed by **Kate Young** and **Ann Whitehead** (UoS)

**Buzz HARRISON** is lecturer in Social Anthropology at Afras (UoS) and currently MA co-director. **Faustina WARD-OSBORNE** is based in **New York** working with UNIFEM etc as a gender and development consultant in the Caribbean. **Lorenia PARADA** is still in **Mexico** based with the Programa Universitario de Estudios de Genero - UNAM.

## MA2 (1988-89)

co-directed by **Naila Kabeer** and **Hilary Standing**

**Preeti BHAT** (who has a 3½ year old son) completed her Ford Foundation funded study on agricultural home-based work in the states of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh in 1995 and visited IDS en route from an international labour conference.

**Charlotte KANSTRUP** is now Technical Adviser Gender/HIV/AIDS with DANIDA back in **Denmark** where she has been for the last 2 years. She took part in a PRA workshop at IDS in early '96.

**Robin MEARNs (MPI3)** met **Atsuko MIWA** in Japan in mid '95: she is working for a consulting firm and is in contact with **Robin** and **Robert Chambers** about PRA training.

**Joyce YU** - belated congratulations on her marriage in 1993 - has just moved to **Jamaica** as UNDP Deputy Resrep where the central themes of the UNDP programme are poverty alleviation, industrial policy and public sector management. Prior to this **Joyce** was at the Regional Bureau for Asia, UNDP HQ **New York**, working on the their South East Asia Programme.

## MA4 (1990-91)

co-directed by **Susan Joeekes** and **Ann Whitehead** (UoS)

**Shanthi DAIRIAM** is based in **Kuala Lumpur** where she runs a pan-Asia Pacific programme International Women's Rights Action Watch, doing advocacy and training on women's human rights, particularly the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). She was also actively involved in international preparations for the Beijing Conference and has been working with groups in Egypt and China and other countries preparing for advocacy in Beijing.

Writing in September 1994, **Ramya SUBRAHMANYAN** was based in **Bombay** working with **Naila Kabeer** on a training project on gender-aware planning with the Government of India. She was also working with **Shanthi** on women's rights and CEDAW, as well as training on gender issues for assorted agencies. She is now studying for her DPhil with the OU back in the **UK**.

**Lydia FELIX** has been working on a 2 year UNDP contract with the government of **St Lucia** in the Ministry of Women's Affairs.

**Adesuwa OSUMWEGIE** writing in September '95, was very busy doing consultancies on social development issues for ODA and UN agencies. Currently she was working on an essential drugs project connected with the 'Bamako Initiative' for the British Council as the social development consultant for 5 states in the south of **Nigeria** (a project led by **Cath Conn**).

**Laeticia MUKARASI** is still Programme Officer with UNDP in **Tanzania** and in early 1995 was in **Ngara** assessing the impact of the Rwandan refugee influx on the local population and in **New York** attending the 39th Session of

# MA undergoes some significant changes

Anne Marie Goetz writes:

**'Now in its ninth year, an extensive review process over the last few years has produced curriculum changes based on the comments of staff and students (you!), and in response to changes in the environment of development work over the past decade. Students are now immediately exposed to issues in gender and development policy and practice in the first term. In the second term, which is the most experimental, students are trained in practical policy analysis and in research methodology - skills which they then apply to the analysis of current development issues.'**

These current issues are now taught in 'Issues Units' - four three-week modules in which development sectors are assessed with a mix of teaching techniques including statistical analysis and in-depth project evaluation. The sectors addressed this year were: environment, rural production, education, and employment. The third term is entirely devoted to exploring gendered politics

in development policy-making institutions, including state bureaucracies, NGOs, women's organisations, and multilateral bodies.

This year's class (MA9) was the first to experience the new, re-vamped MA.

Inevitably, there were some hitches and slow starts, but now, at the end of the year, the two co-directors - **Anne Marie Goetz** and **Elizabeth HARRISON (MA1)** - feel very happy about the changes. The MA is felt to be a more coherent course now, and to refer itself more directly to current policy debates, such as debates on good government, poverty, economic reform, sustainable development, and human rights. In addition, new teaching methods have made the course challenging from the point of view of tutors (and perhaps the students too!). These methods include a two-day simulation game, and extended small group project work. Courses have to change all the time to remain responsive to the needs of students - so this is probably not the last of the transformations the MA will experience.

the Commission on the Status of Women.

**Joanna KERR** now senior researcher at the North-South Institute in **Canada** is in regular contact with IDS Fellows. In May '95 she passed through IDS and gave a fascinating impromptu talk to current students on life since the MA.

Congratulations to **Batilda**

**BURIAN** who has recently completed her doctorate at **London** University on the gender dimension of housing policy for the urban poor in Tanzania.

**Manal AHMED** is in **Brighton** with her husband and twin sons working as a race equality project worker for East Sussex County Council.

#### MA6 (1992-93)

co-directed by **Georgia Kaufmann** – now Director UKIAID, **London** – and **Ann Whitehead** (UoS)

**Sachiko OKUMURA** writing in autumn 1994, reported that **Susie NKOMO** was currently in Japan. **Sachiko** was centrally involved in Japan's contribution to the Beijing Conference. **Susie** works with the Social Sciences Research and Development Forum at the Community Agency for Social Enquiry in **South Africa**.

**Carolyn SLEIGHTHOLME** (writing last summer) was based with a small women's NGO in **Calcutta** working in the red-light district with sex-workers and their children. 'It's difficult to bring about meaningful change but we try to get away from the usual health-focused intervention and focus on violence, child-care, legal awareness.' The NGO was involved in the preparation of the NE India presentation on violence for Beijing. Her own work was to co-ordinate and complete a research paper on the Calcutta sex-trade, bringing in a gender perspective.

**Amparo PINLAC-JONES** visited IDS in 1995. She married **Gareth David Jones** in June 1993 in Brighton and followed this with a church wedding in **Manila** in June 1994. With effect from July 1994 **Amparo** was promoted to Assistant Regional Director in the Regional Office of the Dept of Labor and Employment in **San Fernando**. In late 1994 she attended a workshop on Gender Issues in the World of Work in **Turin (Italy)** sponsored by the ILO and the previous year attended a course in **Washington DC** in Institution Building (Strategic Management for the 1990s) conducted by the Centre for Development and Population (CEDPA).

**Katrina ELLIOT** has been working since July 1994 as a regional programme manager for **British Columbia's** Ministry of Women's Equality back home in **Canada**. She works

in community economic development with First Nations' communities in NE BC and manages 'stopping the violence' programmes. In July 1996 **Katrina** starts a new job as a programme policy analyst for the same Ministry in **Victoria**. She visited IDS briefly in May '96 and met **Sue Ong** and **Meera SHAH** and is looking forward to an **MA6 Reunion** in December 1996.

In mid '95 **Rachel MARCUS** completed a 2 year assignment in **Belize** with ODA (under the APOS scheme). She spent some months working at IDS and in December went to **Malawi** as a social anthropologist on a farming systems integrated pest management project for the British Natural Resources Institute (NRI).

In mid '96, **Giovanna CAMPELLO**, **Arlene El KHOURY**, **Rachel MARCUS** and **Meera SHAH** had a mini reunion in **Paris**.

**Sheila THOMSON** is still in **Bangkok** and passes through IDS from time to time.

**Cathy GREEN** following a period at IDS is now project manager for Options consultancy, still Sussex-based but working on health projects overseas.



#### MA7 (1993-94)

co-directed by **Naila Kabeer** and **Ann Whitehead** (UoS)

**Mahmuda KHAN** is back working with the **Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC)** and spent 3 months at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRAW) in **Washington** in the summer of 1995.

**Monica TRUJILLO** is back home in **Canada**

#### MA8 (1994-95)

co-directed by **Anne Marie GOETZ** and **Matthew LOCKWOOD** (UoS)

**Coco Ushiyama** is a JPO with the WFP in **Nairobi**. Where are the rest of you?





# BRIDGE

BRIDGE, the briefing service on gender and development at IDS, has completed its fourth year of operation. Set up in 1992 to assist in the integration of gender concerns into development policy and practice, BRIDGE provides development professionals with up-to-date information and analyses on a range of gender and development issues, drawing on the resources of the BLDS and on the expertise of gender Fellows and others within the IDS and wider university faculty.

BRIDGE outputs include: gender country profiles; thematic and sectoral reviews;

guides to best-practice interventions; digests of the latest gender statistics and information on the activities and strategies of development agencies. Since it started, BRIDGE has produced over 30 major reports and a number of bibliographies, covering a wide range of issues including: poverty, structural adjustment, HIV and AIDS prevention, water resources management, emergencies and humanitarian assistance, national machineries and conflict and development.

BRIDGE has many links with students and visitors past and present: former and current

MA, MPhils and DPhils and Visiting Fellows have worked for the project including **Rachel MARCUS**, **Cathy GREEN**, and **Sheila THOMSON (MA6)**, **Bridget BYRNE** and **Veronica CAMPANILE (MA7)** and **Martha Condon-Walsh (MA9)**, **Naana OTOO-OYORTEY** and **Shahin YACUB (MPI6)**, **Iman Bibars** and **Robert Jenkins (DPhils)** and **Deepa Grover** (Visiting Fellow), bringing their own particular regional or sectoral expertise to the project.

BRIDGE also holds a collection of unpublished agency literature, including donor gender policies and strategies, project and programme evaluations and sectoral and project-level guidelines and checklists. The BRIDGE collection is heavily used by both MA and MPhil students as a source of original project and policy documents relating to gender issues. Alumni with an interest in gender also receive regular copies of the BRIDGE bulletin development and gender in brief.

**For further information about BRIDGE services contact:**  
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**[http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/bridge/bri\\_open.html](http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/bridge/bri_open.html)**

## The Beijing conference and NGO forum



A large IDS contingent went to **China** for the Fourth UN World Conference on Women in September 1995 to participate in the NGO Forum at **Huairou** (outside **Beijing**). The team included **Anne Marie Goetz**, **Sally Baden**, **Lyla Mehta** and **Sheelagh Stewart** (both **DPhils**). The group also included **Bridget BYRNE** and **Kirsty MILWARD** (from **MA7**). In **Beijing** yet more MAs met up: **Sonomi TANAKA (MA8)**, **Sheila THOMSON**, **Fenella PORTER**, **Susie NKOMO** and **Arlene EL KHOURY** from **MA6**; and **Joanna KERR** (who had a role at the official conference and also produced a 'brilliant' video of **Beijing**), **Ramya SUBRAHMANIAN** (who had a role at the formal conference and the NGO Forum and led a delegation of young women from **India**), **Shanthi DAIRIAM** and **Irene KHAYINZA** from **MA4**.

The following is taken from accounts by **Anne Marie** and **Sally**

### Anne Marie

'Among the IDS projects at the NGO Forum was holding a workshop on gender and institutional change, which we ran as a team with **Ruth PEARSON (DPhil81)** and **Cecile Jackson** of the University of East Anglia. This was a great success, with an audience of over 100 people, who braved the intense heat and humidity of an entire afternoon to participate in the discussions. It also proved a chance to draw together most of the IDS alumnae who were at the Forum, giving us a chance to connect and catch up afterwards. Preparation for this workshop prior to the Forum had involved persuading all IDS members, staff and students, to contribute to the creation of a banner, with the title of the workshop emblazoned on it in English and Chinese: **Breaking In, Speaking Out: Making Development Organisations Work for**



Women'. The IDS group also sported team T-shirts asking: 'Who needs [Sex] if you can have [Gender]?' Referring to the attempts by some governments to bracket and challenge the use of the word 'gender' throughout the Platform for Action, the slogan attracted a lot of attention from other Forum participants.

The NGO Forum was an excellent opportunity for us to assess where gender research at the IDS stands in relation to contemporary activist debates. For me personally, the NGO Forum meant a welcome opportunity to recharge my feminist batteries. Evidence at the Forum of the power and variety of women's movements the world over was enormously affirming in the context of the day to day struggles many of us face in our own work to gain legitimacy for feminist perspectives.

At the same time, it was also quite a challenge to develop a coherent idea of the global women's movement out of the fantastic variety of women's issues and women's approaches to promoting their interests. There were Catholic women for choice, lesbian rights activists, and women from either side of the lines of conflict in the Middle East or the former Yugoslavia. Groups concerned with inner spiritual growth were back to back with politicians advocating outward-oriented leadership strategies for women. Young women, for the first time at a UN Women's

Conference, were articulating a common youth platform, and so were ageing women.

At the same time, just as women's movements the world over have strengthened, so too have opponents. In particular, fundamentalist religious and conservative groups were substantially represented, and seemed very well organised and funded. Given the influence of these groups on some governments, it will be up to the dynamism and creativity of women in the non-governmental arena to sustain pressure for respect for women's rights, which makes following-up on the connections established at the NGO Forum a critical project for the years ahead.'

**Sally** writes:

...'It is hard to convey the range of issues, activities, debates and experiences generated by a conference on this scale. The official conference...seemed a sterile affair, where the dirty work of politicking was done and cynical bargains were struck over the wording of the official document. By contrast, the NGO Forum was diverse, participatory and chaotic,

imbued with the spirit of collective endeavour, as well as humour and creativity. Each day, there were several hundred workshops, as well as plenary sessions featuring prominent feminist speakers and women leaders, focused on the major themes of the conference: globalisation of the economy; political participation; sexual and reproductive rights; violence and human rights and the rise of conservatism.

Some of the issues were very inspiring, bringing hundreds of women to their feet, as speakers railed against injustice, violence, exploitation and oppression, and applauded the courage of those women

who had made a stand, often at great personal cost. In general, the mood was one of constructive dialogue and alliance-building between women of different regions and identities. There was, nevertheless, a strong presence of conservative forces – fundamentalists of every hue – attempting to undermine the broad consensus being built, but with only limited success.'

**Sally Baden and Anne Marie Goetz** have written a paper since the Conference titled: 'Who needs [Sex] when you can have [Gender]? Conflicting discourses on gender at Beijing'. This will be published shortly in *Feminist Review*.



**MP3 (1977-79)**

co-directed by **Manfred Bienefeld** and **Martin Godfrey**.

**Steve McCLELLAND** and wife **Bushra** have a fourth baby (a boy) and **Steve** is back in **London** working as Economic Adviser at the Department of Employment and Education.

## MPhilnews

**MP4 (1979-81)**

co-directed by **Chris Colclough** and **Gordon White**

In 1993 **Magdalene DAVID** moved from **Nairobi** to **Kampala** to take up a post with the Regional Programme for Beans in Eastern Africa at

the International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT).

Earlier this summer, **Eduardo MARTINEZ** emailed us to say: 'We have now been living in **Uruguay** for nearly 10 years. I continue to work as UNESCO's Regional Specialist in Science and Technology Planning and Management

(for Latin America and the Caribbean). **Michele** keeps on doing research on economic topics (micro-electronics, wood-industry (and forestry). **Jasmin** is now 14 years old; she continues to play the violin (since she was 4) and is part of a swimming team. **Camila** now 8, is learning to play the piano and also practices swimming.'

**Alex VOLKOFF** is with CIDA in **Canada**

# Ex-Sussex teams and everyday life in an unpredictable world

**Bernardo MENDEZ Lugo (MP4)** – writing in mid-1995 – dedicates the following magnificent round-up of news of Mexican, Latin American and **MP4** and **UoS** alumni to the late **Dudley Seers** and **Guillermo FERIA (MP5)**:

**I suppose that life is not easy in many places all over the developing world, especially in the last 15 years: more difficult times started exactly when I left IDS in 1981 after the Mexican 'oil boom' débâcle!**

The Mexican case seems to be a good example of recent tendencies in the global economy: regarding social reality from offices in capital cities can give a biased idea ('urban bias' – thanks **Michael Lipton**!) of what is really happening. Yes, many of us were thinking that **Mexico** was almost ready to join successfully the league of industrialised countries. However, modernisation was only a glass-looking exercise based on patterns of consumption (imports) not endogenous production.

## What are ex-Sussex people doing lately in Mexico?

Well not so easy to have a balance sheet but let's see: myself, lecturing at Autonomous Metropolitan University in

**Mexico City** but since 1990 working for the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I have worked in industrial promotion with former public officials **Enrique BAUTISTA-VILLEGAS (DPhil82)** and **Mauricio de Maria y Campos (UoSMAEcon74)**. **BAUTISTA** is successfully exporting avocados to the US and European markets, now living in **Morelia**, a regional capital city. **De Maria y Campos** is currently UNIDO Director-General.

Since 1994, **Joaquim TRES (MPI4)** who is the Country Representative of the Spanish Aid Agency in **Mexico** has made a great effort to integrate a real consensus of Sussex alumni in **Mexico**, offering his warm and open hospitality with his wife **Nuria** and baby daughter **Mariona** (born in **Mexico**).

We've met several times; first with **Hans Singer** who was giving lectures at UNAM on Bretton Woods. We were joined by **Jose Octavio Martinez (UoSMAEcon)** and

**Francisco Giner de los Rios (UoSDFilEcon)** now Mexican Director-General for Environmental Standards. All were impressed at **Hans'** energy and vitality.

Also discussing NAFTA and political issues was **Eduardo RAMOS-AVALOS (MPI3)** still working for the Ministry of Trade and Industry (SECOFI) on Pacific Basin issues. His 'targets' were private consultants **Raul MONTEFORTE (DPhil90)** and **Fernando JUAREZ (MPI10)** who were not convinced by **RAMOS'** optimistic view of trade liberalisation. Even more sceptical was **Claudio BAGU (MP8)** at the Statistics Federal Office (INEGI). To be true, there are not many ex-Sussex women around, only **Lorenia PARADA (MA1)** who is in charge of UNAM's Program of Gender Studies.

Some time ago, myself, **Jose Octavio Martinez** and **Francisco Giner** enjoyed the very deep insight analysis of Mexican political affairs with **Fernando Casteneda (UoS-**

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leading political scientist at UNAM. Another leading ex-Sussex is **Jonathan Davis (UoS-MAEcon)** who was recently appointed head of Federal Treasury at the Mexican Finance Ministry. Not too bad, eh?

## Other ex-Sussex in touch around the world

Of my Sussex time, I keep in touch with **Michele Snoek (UoSMAEcon)** (Belgian) married to **Eduardo MARTINEZ (MP4)** (Guatemalan) both living in Montevideo but had a very productive and impressive academic life in **Mexico** some years ago.

Another friend, **Lourdes de Leon (UoSDFil Linguistics)** is now teaching in Reed College, Portland **Oregon** but visits **Mexico** once in a while. I have been emailing with **Akiko Nakajima (UoSMAEcon)** who lives in **Kobe** (his family is safe after last year's earthquake there). Also exchanging emails with **Peter STOCKDALE (MP5)** living in **Ottawa** with his Chilean wife **Conne Otorola (Afras82)**. Incredible: I used to baby-sit for **Conne** during my Sussex years (playing on the rocky beaches of **Hove** in 1980) and her child **Malen** was taking care of my two children during my stay in **Montreal** in 1992 when she spent some time in the same Outremont neighborhood!

From **Costa Rica** I have news about **Ennio RODRIGUEZ (MP3/DPhil84)** who was living some time in **Mexico City**.

working for ECLA-IDB. He is now at IDB, **Washington**. We also learned that **Rebeca Grenspan (UoSMAEcon)** became Costa Rican Vice President and her husband **Saul WEISLIEDER (MP4)** was highly involved in political activities without leaving his academic links at Universidad Nacional in **Heredia**. Oh nostalgia of beautiful **Costa Rica**!

In North America, I visited **Wendy WALKER (MP4)** in **Berkeley** California in late '93 and we wrote postcards together to several **MP4s** including **Cesar VIEIRA** (Brazilian) working for PAHO-WHO in **Washington DC**, **Noriko AKINAGA** (nee **YAMAMOTO**), living in **Uppsala**, **Ah-Eng LAI** living and working in **Singapore** and **Francisco PAREJA** (Ecuadorian), well-known poet, working for the Andean Pact in **Lima**.

Some news about **Alfredo NUNEZ BARRIGA (MP1)**, well known as *el pata* (and also for his parties in old **Brighton**) who was appointed to a post at the Ministry of Mines in Peru. Another Peruvian (who was in **Mexico** for a short visit some time ago) is **Jose EGUREN (MP4)** working for UNDP in **New York**.

#### **Ex-IDS people we have not seen lately**

**Patricia AGUILAR (MP13)** is working at the Monterrey Institute of Technology, campus **Morelos**, and has had her third baby. **Kim TRES** bumped into **Gerardo BRACHO (MP11)** who is now back in **Moscow** and still works for the Commercial Office of the Mexican Embassy. **BRACHO** co-edited an interesting book with

former Mexican ambassador **Carlos Tello** (also an ex-UK graduate) on perestroika and political changes in **Russia**.

**Edilberto CERVANTES GALVAN (MP1)** is Education and Social Welfare Secretary in the industrial and fast-developing state of **Nuevo Leon**. He commented on my paper at a higher education and regional development roundtable some years ago in **Monterrey**. **Jose Octavio Martinez** works very closely with **Horacio SANTAMARIA (MP2)** (Argentinean but living in **Mexico** since the mid-seventies). He is ECLAC director for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

We do not have news from **Javier CALLEROS (MP6)** and **Joel CLIMACO (MP16)**. **Maria Lourdes RAMIREZ-THOMAS (MP12)** is a private consultant for industrial

organisation and production processes.

Finally, I want to underline that I have special feelings and souvenirs (hardworking but unforgettable nights of dance and wine while **Gordon White** was playing the piano) with my MPhil flatmates when living in **Brighton** during my IDS years: **Mammo MUCHIE**, **Caroline ALLISON**, **Yaba BADOE** and **Ah Eng LAI**. Of course, many other **MP4** people were around at those reggae parties of the early Thatcher years: **Upanda VIDANAPATIRANA (DPhil85)**, **Fermin ADRIANO**, **Magdalena DAVID**, **Duru TOBI**, **Ahmad JAYAZERI (DPhil86)**, **Sofia KOZAK**, **Alex VOLKOFF**, **Wendy WALKER** and all the Latin American team with the outstanding singing voice of **Bernardo ALVAREZ-HERRERA (MP5)**.

#### **MP5 (1980-82)**

co-directed by **Manfred Blenefeld** and **Robert Wade**.

**Brigitte GRANVILLE** (nee **DELOY**) visited IDS in late 1994 and gave students a fascinating account of 'Life Since IDS'. She is still working as Economic Adviser at the Russian Ministry of Finance ('...she has spent more time in Russia in the past four years than almost any other Western economist' writes one of her reviewers). She is also Senior Research Fellow in the International Economics Programme at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (which has recently published her book *The Success of Russian Economic Reforms*).

**Robyn JACKSON** came by the IDS last summer: she is still in **Paris** working for OECD (Club de Sahel) on the future of W Africa and technological change. She is in touch with **Boyd GILMAN (MP8)** married with two children (boy and girl) and pursuing his doctorate in **Boston**.

#### **MP6 (1981-83)**

co-directed by **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil80/81)** and **Gordon White**

**Peta-Anne BAKER** who until recently was coordinating the work of NGOs in **Jamaica** and working as a grass roots facili-

tator of social change, is now back in the academic sector. She passed through IDS *en route* from the Social Summit early last year and provided a fascinating account of life since IDS to current students. **Susan WILLETT**, lecturer in defence and economics at Kings College **London**, is

writing a book on the European arms trade and appeared recently in a fashion spread in *The Guardian* in which her appearance was described variously as 'Smart but slick!', 'Happy and comfortable' and '...confident, approachable - and still looks like an academic' (editor's italics).

### It was with much sadness that we learnt of the death of **Rashid MEER (MP6)** on 29 May 1995 in a car accident in Durban. **Worku LAKEW (MP6)** contributed the following obituary:

'Rashid was forced into exile by the apartheid regime for his political activities and his anti-apartheid beliefs and he spent over 20 years in exile in the UK. The apartheid regime considered him a target due to his opposition activities as well as his family's history in the forefront of the struggle against apartheid. His mother, Fatima Meer, wrote the biography of Nelson Mandela *Higher Than Hope*, based on notes from prison which Mandela prepared for her and numerous interviews during the Robben Island years. His father, Ismael Meer was a leading legal adviser to the

ANC during its early years.

Rashid studied for his undergraduate degree at Sussex, followed by the MPhil at IDS. After graduation he became the national organiser of black workers' groups for NALGO. During this period he founded the National Campaign against the Deportation of Black Trade Union Activists which brought together many black workers and black youth.

He went on to study journalism at City University in London and on graduation worked for City Limits as a roving reporter on anti-racist issues and current political topics.

For the last five years he

worked for the BBC World Service on the Africa Desk as a senior staff member (in his element as a senior producer with Focus on Africa). For the last year and a half he was back home in South Africa (on secondment from the BBC World Service) at a time of great importance for his life and for world events.

Rashid was a leading member of the campaign for Gay Rights in the UK, for the anti-racist struggle and for the struggle for democracy and progressive ideas. His conviction and activism never faltered even in times of changing political climates.'



## MP7 (1982-84)

co-directed by **Kate Young** and **David Evans**

**Muhammad Yusuf NIAZI** is working as Secretary, Finance Department with the provincial government of **Balochistan**, in **Pakistan**

**Rachel GARST** has joined the **Washington** Office on Latin America, where she has worked as an Associate for Guatemala and regional security issues since 1994. Before that she was head of the research unit at the Guatemalan Council of Development Organisations, having previously conducted research (in **Albuquerque**) on US food aid to Central America.

**Onalenna SELOLWANE** is lecturing in the Sociology Department of the University of **Botswana**

**Euclid TSAKALOTOS** is now based at the Department of International and European Studies at **Athens** University of Economics and Business. In the summer of 1995, **Euclid** together with his wife **Heather Gibson** was awarded the **Dudley Seers Prize** (by the publishers Frank Cass) for their article 'The Scope and Limits of Financial Liberalisation in Developing Countries: a critical survey' published in the **Journal of Development Studies** (Vol 30 No 3). **Euclid** recalls:

'I met **Dudley Seers** in October 1982 when I began the MPhil programme.. He expressed pleasure that a Greek who has grown up in Britain should be doing development studies because, as he put it 'development is not just about the tropics'. However, he was less encouraging when he asked me where I did my first degree and I replied that I did PPE at Queen's, **Oxford**. He responded to this with: 'that means you will have to spend the whole of your first year unlearning the economics you learnt in **Oxford** before you can learn anything useful in your second year!' I do not know if he would have considered my having been awarded the prize evidence that I have indeed unlearned all that was necessary, but I am in any case touched to have been awarded such a prize.'



the closing down of the **Sulawesi** Regional Development Project (SRDP), he moved to **Jakarta** to undertake a consultancy for a GTZ-funded project 'Support for Decentralisation Measures'. In late '94 he moved back to **Sulawesi** (to **Ujung Pandang**) to join a USAID project to help develop training materials for the Rural Roads Maintenance Systems Project. In **Ujung Pandang** in early '95 he met **Suzuka SUGAWARA** who is still working with JICA in **Tokyo**

**Jocelyn DEJONG** is still in **Cairo** working with Ford Foundation as the health programme officer covering Egypt, Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine and Sudan: 'I am enjoying my work enormously although it is very demanding and I travel about a week a month.'

**Dorothy GORDON** is now in **Geneva** with United Nations Volunteers.

## MP8 (1983-85)

co-directed by **John Oxenham** (still with the EDI) and **Charles Harvey**

Congratulations to **Obert NYAWATA** on his recent marriage and the birth of his son. **Obert** is still with the IMF in **Washington**

## MP9 (1984-86)

co-directed by **Robin Luckham** and **Mick MOORE** (DPhil80/81)

In mid 1994 **Catherine MULHOLLAND** was still with WHO in **Geneva** where she produced a number of publications on women's health, and the health dimensions of economic reform working with the Special Adviser to the Director-General on Health and Development Policies.

**Donnacadh HURLEY** is now back in **Ireland** working with the Ballymun Job Centre in **Dublin**, a community-based organisation working to find employment and to create jobs in this area of **Dublin**.

## MP10 (1985-87)

co-directed by **Hubert SCHMITZ** (MPI/DPhil79/80) and **Manfred Bienefeld**

Thanks to the wonders of the Internet, **Bill MACDONALD** (last heard of fishing on **Prince Edward Island**) made recent contact saying 'When I was at IDS, **Hubert** and **Manfred** were the course leaders and **Sheila** was the front office/Person in the Know about Most Everything. I'd be interested in contacting some of my former classmates, hearing the latest gossip, etc'.

In March 1995, **Stephen NARTEY** took up a new job as

the Financial Controller of the West African Health Community, a regional organisation (based in **Lagos**) formed by 5 anglophone W African countries for the purpose of coordinating and sharing research and training efforts in the field of health care. The motto of the organisation is 'In Common Health there is Wealth'. Before leaving **Accra**, **Stephen** caught up with **Eimar BARR** who is working for UNICEF.

**Luc SPYCKERELLE** - who has contributed (albeit reluctantly) to 3 out of 4 Alumnews ('Who knows, this time may be my lucky turn!') wrote in mid-1995 that in mid-1994, with

## Writing in mid-1994, William LOCKWOOD-BENET:

'I do regret not having been able to attend the Reunion. I was working in **Honduras** for Price Waterhouse's International Privatisation Group. I married **Candy Bobonis** in Jan '93, an old friend from the school next to the Jesuit school I attended here! .....She's a stockbroker with Merrill Lynch here in **San Juan**.

I was particularly sorry I missed **Fernando JUAREZ** at the Reunion. I also missed meeting him and his wife when they travelled to **San Juan** to catch

their Caribbean honeymoon cruise a few years ago!

**Mariko HIGASHI** and her husband **Izumi** have visited **San Juan** twice. They love to play golf. One of their visits coincided with a stopover by **Arturo GRIGSBY** so we all got together and spent a wonderful time. **Ludovico ALCORTA** (MP6/DPhil91) has also visited **San Juan** on business. **Elisa** and **Edwin IRIZARRY** (DPhil89) live in **Mayaguez** their hometown on the west

end of the island, where he teaches economics at the University. He ran for mayor during the last elections! I am godfather to **Alejandro**, their son born in **Brighton**

I am currently working on recommendations for the expansion of Puerto Rico Capital Markets for the Government Development Bank (GDB), along with Arthur D Little Financial Industries Management Consultants, New York. I also just finished a report

on Infrastructure Investment, Recommendations on Project Development, Operations and Financing. ....Until 1993 I served as Vice President of the GDB and worked in the Wall Street office during 1991. I truly enjoyed working on institutional investor and credit rating agency relations, as well as the review and coordination of revenue bond issuance for the Puerto Rico central government, the PR Electric Power Authority, PR Industrial Development Company and PR Aqueduct and Sewer Authority. I also served as project manager for privatisation of the PR Telephone Company, its long-distance subsidiary ... and PR Maritime Shipping Company, and reviewed industrial loans to new ventures.

...The highlight of my years in government service was working with Teodoro

Moscoso, (a friend of **Hans Singer**) who had served as director of Kennedy's Alliance for Progress and the industrial investment program here during the 1950s.

...We often go to the countryside to farm a little bit and enjoy the cool weather, otherwise, it's water sports in **San Juan**. I have been taking calligraphy and Japanese lessons, but it will take years to master the language!!'

#### STOP PRESS.....

Congratulations on the birth of **William** and **Candy's** twin sons, **Fernando** and **Bruno**, born in April '96.



#### MP11 (1986-88)

co-directed by **Martin GREELEY (DPhil85)** and **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil 80/81)**

**Jerker EDSTROM** was working for 9 months from August 1994 on AIDS gender and health in SIDA's Health Division.

**Embert CHARLES** is at present attached to the Natural Resources Management Unit of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States as a consultant in Communication and Public Awareness. The work involves the design and preparation of campaigns on such issues as Pesticides, Safety and Coastal Resources Management. Eight islands in the Caribbean benefit from this project. During the summer of '96, **Embert** is teaching a short course in

news writing and production for a group of Haitian journalists at the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication (CARIMAC), University of the West Indies. He has recently retired from being Executive Director at the Folk Research Centre (**St Lucia**)

**Kay SHARP** recently completed a long-term contract as representative in **Ethiopia** of the USAID-funded Famine Early Warning System (FEWS). Still in **Ethiopia**, **Kay** is now engaged on a study on targeting of food aid and other interventions.

**Amanda LORIO** came through IDS in early '95 and again in mid '96: she had been with her husband who was working with an NGO in **Madrid** for 18 months and is due to return to **Nicaragua** soon.

#### MP12 (1987-89)

co-directed by **Stephany Griffith-Jones** and **John HUMPHREY (DPhil77)**

**Ketso GORDHAN** is now Director General of the Ministry of Transport in **South Africa**.

**Tomoo HOZUMI** has been working for UNICEF as Chief of the State Office in **Gujarat, India** since mid 1992. He and **Machiko**, with initial help from **Suzuka SUGAWARA (MP10)**, have translated **Robert Chambers' Rural Development: Putting the Last First** into Japanese which was published by Akashi Shoten in October 1995.

**Theodore PELAGIDIS** wrote in early 1994 to say that he was about to take up a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for European Studies and **Harvard** University conducting research on industrial policy.

**Vivien Lowndes** has gained her doctorate from the Department of Government, University of Strathclyde. She has taught at Essex University and is now a lecturer at the Institute of Local government

Studies, University of Birmingham. Congratulations to **Vivien** and **Stuart** on the birth of their son, **Alastair**, in November 1994.

#### MP13 (1988-90)

co-directed by **Charles Harvey** and **Gordon White**

Love has been very much in the air with **MP13** over the last year or so!

Congratulations to:

● **Yasuko KIMURA** on her marriage to **Bradley Jonathan Luff**, a physicist at Southampton University, and on the birth of their daughter **Marie Karen** (8 lbs 10 oz) in April '96;

● to **Robin MEARNS** and **Ann Hudock (IDS DPhil)** on their wedding in mid 1995;

● and to **Eduardo RAMOS** who married **Mariam Bujalil** on 1 April and has moved to the Ministry of Trade and Industry (**Mexico**), where he is responsible for relations with the Asian/Pacific region.

● and to **Zav RUSTOMJEE** and **Betty MUNOZ** on their marriage.

Meanwhile, **Zoila ELLIS** (who visited IDS last year) has her own private law practice in **Belize** and does consultancy work for various NGOs including Oxfam for which she was Deputy Regional Representative for 2 years after graduating.

**Satjayit SINGH** has completed his PhD and has been based in **London** (working with Jean Dreze at STICERD at LSE over the last couple of years (where his wife **Anshu** is pursuing her

doctorate at SOAS). During this time he has had a number of Visiting Fellowships at IDS (working with **Robin MEARNS** on 'Large dams (in India): equity and sustainability'). The latest VFship, supported by the Ford Foundation, is split into 3 parts and he will be here in Aug/Sept '96 and '97. Congratulations also to **Anshu** and **Saty** on the birth of their son **Mihiraan**

**Liz CARTY** was a Health Policy Analyst working for the State of **Massachusetts** doing work on reimbursement and health policy in terms of analysis to help providers and organisations improve quality of care (working a lot with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, a **Boston**-based group). She is now back in development work, with OXFAM-US, (still **Boston**-based) and she feels her work with the Rate Setting Commission has prepared her well for further work in development.

**Jens BRUGGEMAN** has moved from **Bremen** but is still with the development arm of the German National Parks.

**Ranjani KRISHNAMURTHY** spent time at IDS in the



summer of 1994 working with **Naila Kabeer**

**Ana Paola TEIXEIRA** has left UNCTAD and is working for a big consultancy company back home in **Brazil**.

#### MP14 (1990-92)

co-directed by **Charles Harvey** and **Gordon White**

**Azim AHMED** (our one and only **Maldivian** alumnus!) has met a number of IDS colleagues recently: first **Tracie Gunn** on her big trip East in 1994, and then **Anoma JAYAWICKREMA (MP17)** met him in **Manila** at the Asian-Pacific Ministerial Conference in Preparation for the World Summit for Social Development where **Azim** was representing the **Maldives**. 'We happened to start talking and within minutes discovered that we had IDS in common!' **Azim** is now Assistant Director in the Ministry of Policy Planning, Housing, Environment and Employment and travels a lot to **Nepal** for ASEAN and SAARC meetings.



**Hiro HATASHIMA** finished working for FASID in **Tokyo** in March '94. He then worked briefly with **Yasunori BABA (DPhil85)** at the Research into Artefacts Center for Engineering at the UoTokyo on a joint article. At the same time he translated **Robert Wade's** *Governing the Market* with **Toru FUJINAWA** (who moved to Sakura Finance Asia Ltd in

**Hong Kong** in Nov '94). In August '94 **Hiro** moved to the African Development Bank in **Abidjan** as a Young Professional Country Programme Economist responsible for the preparation of country strategy papers, policy-based operations, poverty reduction projects and institutional support projects, assigned to cover **Kenya** which he visited in late '94.

In late 1994, **Charles Harvey** received a long letter from **Mary McKEOWN** who had been living in **The Gambia** for 2 years working initially with UNDP on health, gender and poverty alleviation policy. 'I was involved in setting up a new Strategy for Poverty Alleviation due to be developed and funded by major external donors.' **Mary** left to become Sociological Adviser to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs but was overtaken by the coup when the British ODA and EU withdrew funding from all new projects. By the end of October she found out that the job – 'in many ways this was a dream job' – would not

Siege of Ennis etc! Most of them had never heard of such dances before!

**Andrew MICKLEBURGH** is back in **Cambridge** writing up his PhD fieldwork for submission this summer while **Irene (Irene KHAYINZA (MA4))** and daughter **Grace** remain in **Uganda** where **Irene** is working as a programme officer with a women's NGO.

**Nicholas GEORGIADIS** worked for a year with DG VIII of the EC on leaving IDS involving him in travel to 16 African countries. Since then he joined the EC's TACIS programme (providing TA to the Commission's 12 New Independent States and Mongolia). His programme provides advice mainly on macroeconomic policy, institution-building, restructuring and legal issues, but also on social issues, education etc. Fellows such as **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil80/81)**, **Hubert SCHMITZ (MP1/DPhil 79/80)**, and **John HUMPHREY (DPhil77)** have acted as consultants to the programme.

#### MP15 (1991-1993)

co-directed by **Raphie KAPLINSKY (DPhil80/81)** and **Gordon White**.

**Naana OTTO-OYORTEY** has been working with the Commonwealth Secretariat in **London** and **Hilary COTTAM** is with the Open University and participated in a recent IDS seminar series on urban poverty.

Finally, congratulations to **Mark KENBER** and **Gioconda** who 'are happy to announce that on 13 January 1996 in the valley of **Quito** surrounded by volcanoes **Natasha Joanna Kenber Vasquez** was born'.



**Jethro Pettit** wrote from the scene of the tragic bombing in **Oklahoma City** in mid '95:

'We are all struggling with the terrible effects of the bombing two week ago. the entire city is still in shock, and everyone seems to know someone who is hurt, dead or missing. We live less than a mile from the building and our neighborhood suffered some damage. We know two women, personally, who did not survive.... As Americans, we are also compelled to examine the roots of hatred and violence in our own society that can lead to such acts. Thanks to all for the many sympathetic calls from the UK.

My work with World Neighbors, directing international programmes, has been very exciting over the past year. We continue to move forward with initiatives in community-based agriculture,

resource management, strengthening of local organisation are strong foci just now. We are also finding, as the larger aid agencies and governments seek to learn from the participatory methodologies used by small NGOs, that to meet this demand we are having to shift our emphasis toward more systematic analysis and sharing of field experience.

Needless to say, my work brings me into contact with all sorts of IDS people! The biggest surprise was calling **Kim TRES (MP14)** in **Mexico City** and finding he was just two blocks away, with time for a quick meeting away from his busy responsibilities running the Spanish aid programme. Have crossed paths with many more MPHils here and there. '

Jethro also visited IDS briefly in mid '96 just missing..... **John KEYSER** who passed through IDS in early summer. **John** has been in **Zambia** for the last year working as an independent consultant in agriculture – mainly agriculture economics.

He writes 'I went out originally on a 4 month job for the WB to do a study of Zambia's comparative advantage in agriculture – measurement of the relative efficiency, profitability, production costs, etc for several commodities at

different levels of production. Since then, I have worked on a number of other Bank-funded contracts. Specifically, I prepared a review of Zambia's horticulture sector, a study on the economics of conservation tillage and a report on crop

developments since economic liberalisation in NW Province. Additionally, I worked on a cotton sector study in **Malawi**. John has 'a really nice cottage' 15kms from **Lusaka** and would be delighted to see anyone from the IDS passing through.

# Looking for Che Guevara?

Meanwhile **James BLACKBURN (MPI5)** was busy roaming the southern hemisphere.....

**Life since finishing the MPhil has been something of a trip: usually frantic, at times adventurous (or plain dangerous), nearly always challenging, and sometimes frankly exhausting...**

The first thing I wanted to do as I flew out of the MPhil nest – which had become a bit stifling by then – was to get as far away as possible from **BOOKS**. In fact, I had developed such a strong allergy to the printed word (a classic symptom of post MPhil stress disorder, perhaps?) that I set off for **Central America** determined to lose myself in the mountains. And that's exactly what I did.

Within three months of leaving IDS, I had fallen down a ravine, almost breaking my leg, somewhere in the Cuchamatan mountain range of **Guatemala**, three days' walk from the last bus town. It was Ixil Indian territory: a breathtaking landscape whose tiny isolated hamlets the US trained and funded Guatemalan army had pulverised with helicopter gunships in the 1982 counter offensive that almost wiped out the Marxist Guerrilla Army of the Poor. The problem was that the guerrillas were not there when the helicopters opened fire, and it was the Ixil people whose huts were burned and whose babies were rifle-butted, Vietnam style. These are the people I wanted to know – tough silent mountaineers who had over the last few years drifted back



to their original villages from enforced exile in the even more isolated northern stretches of the Cuchamatan range

Available statistics claim that the illiteracy rate in Ixil country is 90%, one of the highest in Latin America; the terrain is so rugged that no roads can be built – the only way to move is on foot with a load on one's back, strapped around the forehead, Mayan style. Many women are widows, and sometimes one senses a profound contained pain in their eyes, conjuring up images of the horrors they must have witnessed. I didn't know what I could do, but I felt I had to do something. In a way, we were all responsible for the suffering that had been so savagely inflicted on them.

I had hooked up with one of the only NGOs working deep in the mountains. Idealistic engineering students would

spend several months assisting communities in their building of potable water systems. They wanted someone to train the handful of committed teachers in the area in the Freirean literacy method. I jumped at the opportunity and was off like a shot, pack on my back, still haunted by the IDS library, and hoping for salvation with the Ixils. This, as far as I was concerned, was what "development" (God, I dislike the word, but there doesn't seem to be one that can entirely replace it) was all about: getting out there, **LIVING** it, walking with a silent Indian campesino whose silence communicated so much.

I wanted to meet what was left of the Guerrilla Army of the Poor – patrols would occasionally

be spotted in the mountains – and hear their story. But my dream would never materialise. After falling down the ravine, it was a young Ixil family that rescued me and got me back on my feet, feeding me with eggs and forcing me to rest. It was the classic story: Romantic European goes out to "help the people", and it's they who end up saving him.

A month later, the red-scarfed zapatistas across the border in **Chiapas** came out of the jungle to warn Uncle Sam they weren't happy with NAFTA, and what was left of the Guerrilla Army of the Poor decided to show its solidarity by lobbing a few bombs in strategic places. It was time for me to get out. After a brief period in **Mexico** trying (and failing) to get in touch with Subcomandante Marcos, a kind of post-communist Che Guevara who had become my new hero, I decided it was time to get back to base and try and get a proper job (sounds really boring all of a sudden, doesn't it?).

By March 1994, I was working as a research assistant





to **Robert Chambers** at IDS (yes, I know, "back to the library" and all that...), networking with Latin Americans interested in PRA. It was fun to help bring together different schools of participatory research and action. I had for a long time been a fan of the more political Freirean schools of "participation", and it was exciting to see how much the methods of PRA could bring to these schools, and vice versa.

In December 1994, I gave my first PRA training workshop in **Argentina**, and by March that year, I was working as a teacher and PRA trainer based at Universidad Nur in **Santa Cruz, Bolivia**. PRA is really taking off in **Bolivia**, chiefly because the government passed a Law of Popular Participation in May 1994 which provides a "participation-friendly" politico-legal context. With colleagues from Universidad Nur, we trained NGO people all over the country, as well as in the **Dominican Republic** and **Argentina**. Students taking degrees in Agricultural Economics and Communication for Development also became very interested in the methodology – several are now doing papers and dissertations based on their own fieldwork applying PRA. Another fun project we developed at Nur University was a six month distance learning course (Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development), using the Internet. I hear from my Bolivian colleagues that the course has since become quite a success.

I'm now back at IDS after a year in **Bolivia**, presently co-editing a book on the implications for policy-making in developing countries of the rapid spread of participatory methodologies in development work. I plan to start a DPhil at IDS looking at issues of participation and democratisation in Latin America. I'm already looking forward to getting back into the mountains. But this time I think I'll steer clear of ravines and guerrillas.

#### MP16 (1992–94)

co-directed by **Robin MEARNS (MP13)** and **Gordon White**

**Marzia FONTANA** has just completed her ODI Fellowship at the Reserve Bank of **Fiji** and is now working at the WB on Algeria and plans to start her DPhil at IDS in early 1997.

**Jay OELBAUM** is working on his doctorate at the Uni of **Toronto** and has also been researching the impact of political liberalisation on



economic policy reform in **Ghana**. He visited IDS briefly in June '96 enroute to **Ghana** to complete his fieldwork.

**Shahin YAQUB** has been working at the UoS Poverty Research Unit (run by **Michael Lipton**) and has recently been working in **Mongolia** as part of UNDP's technical assistance to the government in connection with producing **Mongolia's** first Human Development Report.

**Roy MANABE** went to St Hugh's College **Oxford** on graduating but left in mid-1995 to join a Japanese-sponsored JPO programme with the **OECD**.

After graduating, **Paolo VERME** worked as a fund-raising officer at UNHCR in **Geneva** for 9 months and then, briefly, as desk officer for Mexico and Cuba. In late 1995, he moved to **Kazakhstan** working initially with a UNESCO mission at the Ministry of Education and then teaching Economics in a postgraduate institute in **Almaty** for 6 months. **Paolo** is just about to start his PhD at the LSE in **London** on labour markets in **Kazakhstan**.

Congratulations to **Godfrey Yeung** on his marriage in early '94. **Godfrey** is now doing his doctorate in **Cambridge**.



## MP17 (1993-95)

co-directed by **Chris Stevens** and **Robin Luckham**

The members of **MP17** quickly took flight following submission of their final dissertations in 1995. Most are prospering, some simply content to be in warmer climes, while others have just plain disappeared! In **Swaziland**, **Maria Teresa ZAPPIA** is a rising star in the ODI Fellowship scheme and on the local tennis courts. In **Durban, South Africa**, **Glen ROBBINS** is happily at home again, working for the municipal government. To the east, in **Madagascar**, **Troels Mortensen** is working with the UNDP JPO programme. Further north, **Benedict Ole NANGORO** has all but disappeared in the **Tanzanian** grasslands. Please get in touch **Benedict!** Further East, **Makiko SUGAYA** is toiling away attempting to break into development in **Tokyo** while **Yoshihiko Masahiko**, who sadly had to drop out after the first year in the MPhil, is busily employed in the family business. In **Malaysia**, **Aziz**, armed with only one year of the MPhil, was recently appointed a Senator in the National Assembly (just think where he would be today if he had actually completed the course!!). In **Kazakstan**, **Taraneh AZAD** has been engaged in an industrial reform project sponsored by the IDS and EU among others. **Maresh PANT**, who returned to **Nepal** for some months to work on an ODI project and hike in his home terrain, has returned to **Sussex** with wife **Anna** and son **Ben**, contemplating doing a DPhil.

Back in **Europe**, most of the remaining MPhils are succeeding in scratching out an existence of some sort. Both **Yoshiko ISHIHARA** and **Lindsay GLASSCO** are now at the **FAO** in **Rome** (**Yoshiko** working on a project for **Vietnam** and **Lindsay** working

on the Food Summit); while **Luciano CATENACCI** is at the Centre for Studies on Mental Health in **Trieste** working on a project linked to post-war reconstruction in former **Yugoslavia**. **Asier MINONDO** has made a big jump from academia...back into academia in **San Sebastian, Spain** where he is apparently happily embarking on a PhD and lecturing at the same time. **Sam McPHERSON** has taken **Brussels** and the EU by storm, working in the aid evaluation department. Rumours are that **Nicole LIEGER** is back in **Austria** working with Amnesty International in **Vienna**. **Dolores GARRY** meanwhile, has forsaken Britain to settle on a French farm in pursuit of a more peaceful existence. Rumours are that **Janet Obregon** is in the **US**, following a brief sojourn in **India**, but no firm confirmation.

Back on the mainland (**Great Britain**, that is) can be found the majority of the remaining **MP17**. In **London**, **Rob RUDY** is happily engaged at the Bank of England, focusing on Eastern European financial institutions. **Jeremy ARMON**, after a brief spell in **Oxfam's**

Policy unit working on conflict issues, is now a Project Officer at Conciliation Resources which supports civic peace-making initiatives in Africa and the South Pacific. **Kimberley OGADOH** is currently a Grants Officer at Comic Relief, with her and husband **Shem** anticipating a big move, somewhere, next year. **Anoma JAYAWICKREMA** has been busy in **London** starting a UK-based NGO with international programmes involved with advocacy and human rights. Only two **MP17s** have remained in **Brighton**, ensuring that the **MP17** spirit lives on at IDS, and serving as a

constant reminder to **Sue Ong**, **MP17** director, that as long as email, fax, telephone and the Royal Mail function, she will never really be rid of us! **David O'BRIEN** continues to do research on various topics at the IDS, (though now he is paid for it!) while I am working independently as a researcher trying to make sense of all things related to war, destruction and violence. Eight **MP17s** gathered in January for the official graduation ceremonies, though we are hoping for a one hundred percent turnout in the near future at the Hotel Robbins in **South Africa!**



### Taraneh AZAD adds from Kazakstan

'Since November 1995, I have been living in **Kazakstan** working with **John HUMPHREY** (DPhil77), **Raphie KAPLINSKY** (DPhil 80/81) and **Hubert SCHMITZ** (MPI/DPhil79/80) on an EU project on industrial policy. Working with them, I saw that IDS's high academic standard is matched by excellent consultancy work – even at – 35 C!

Since the end of that project, I have joined another EU project on enterprise development in **Kazakstan**

As well as being senior research economist at the **Pakistan Institute for Development Economics**, **Moazam MAHMOOD (MP5/DPhil88)** has been a member of the Prime Minister's Task Force on Social Welfare and involved in setting up the Lahore School of Economics and the Development Institute at the Lahore School. Here is a picture of **Moazam** and **Noreen's** daughter **Shanze**, now aged four.

At the World Bank we have two DPhil alumni working in the education field: **Harry PATRINOS (DPhil93)**, an economist in the Education and Social Policy Department of the World Bank, has recently co-edited *Indigenous People and Poverty in Latin America*, an empirical analysis of the causes and consequences of poverty among indigenous people in Latin America. And **Jamil SALMI (DPhil81)**, who has worked at the World Bank for the last 10 years, and was responsible for the controversial WB report *Higher Education: The Lessons of Experience* published in 1994 which argued for greater private financing of all aspects of higher education, on the grounds that too much government money currently goes on educating children of the better off.

**Mohamed DIAB (MP5/DPhil89)** is just starting his fourth year with WFP in **Sierra Leone** where he is now Country Director. He visited IDS in July '96 with news of **Tes TESFACHEW (MP5/DPhil90)** still in **Geneva** but now with UNCTAD and Tes's wife **Alison** now with UNV.

**Youssef NASSER (DPhil95)** reported (when he attended his viva in mid-95) that for the previous 6 months he had been on leave from **Birzeit**

## DPHILnews

With the completions listed overleaf, we now have around 170 DPhil alumni.



University to be part of a six person UNDP-funded team working on a Water Resources Action Programme (due to become the **Palestine Water Authority**) covering the West Bank and Gaza. At that time **Muhammed NE'MEH (DPhil90)** was Deputy Director (Administration) for the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR).

**Richard STRICKLAND (DPhil91)** back in the **USA** works as a consultant for organisations such as the Canada-based International Institute for Sustainable Development. Likewise, **Jim**

**TARRANT (DPhil90)** is still Washington-based working indirectly as a consultant for USAID on **Russia** and **Eastern Europe**. **Toufic GASPARD (DPhil92)** works to the Board of Directors at the IMF on the Middle East: congratulations on his second child, a baby girl aged 2½.

**Marta ZABALETA (DPhil89)**, writing in early 1995, was busy working on a book about the different ways in which women express themselves through writing in **Latin America** 'I am trying to detect how we speak even with silence.' She was planning a day of networking later in the year. 'Companeras:

What do we have in Common?' with Latin American and British women in the UK talking about themselves.

Congratulations to **Kimmo KILJUNEN (MP2/DPhil85)** who was elected to the Finnish Parliament in March 1995. Nearby, **Priya DESHINGKAR (DPhil92)** is working at the **Stockholm Environment Institute**.

**Surendra VETTIVEL (DPhil90)** visited IDS briefly in mid-95. He is now working as a consultant back home in **India**



**Joseph MUZULU (DPhil93)** had his thesis commended by the African Studies Association of the UK.

**Hassan HAKIMINIAN (MP3/DPhil87)** is now Director of the Centre for International Education in Economics' at SOAS in **London**. He and **Mitra** (also working full-time) have a second son **Babak** (2 yrs).



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### 1993

Denis Chiwele	Zambia
Godfrey Kanyenze	Zimbabwe
Pius Owino	Kenya

### 1994

Shunchen Duan (MP10)	China
Alan Fowler	UK
Luis Gonzalez	Costa Rica
Tuula Heinonen	Canada
Kyung-Ai Kim	Korea
Dale Mathews	Puerto Rico
Pramod Mishra	India
Lucy Nichols	USA
Francesco Notarbartolo	Italy
Willy Parsalaw	Tanzania
Mohamed Samantar	Somalia
Jeanne Stephens	Canada

### 1995

Mike Burr	UK
Youssef Nasser	Palestine
Jose Carlos Ramirez Sanchez	Mexico

### 1996

Yuha Auvinen	Finland
Alison Evans	UK



**Pilwha CHANG (DPhil88)** chose to spend her 6 month sabbatical in 1995 as a Visiting Fellow:

'Coming back to IDS as a VF is a very good experience. My service as director of the Women's Studies Institute at Ewha Women's University (**South Korea**) kept me from taking part in the Reunion in 1993. My life during the DPhil days at the IDS was a complex mixture of field work, writing chapters, teaching, admin involved in developing the department of women's studies at Ewha, childrearing, long distance commuting. My

sabbatical year was most welcome and IDS was chosen as the site to spend it without any doubt. Within 2 weeks of being back at **Brighton**, I have seen more of Brighton than the whole 7 years of previous stay! I have expectations that this will also be true of the academic and social life at the IDS! I am working on gender analyses of social policy in E Asia at present. My eleven and a half year old daughter is with me enjoying her school in Britain, too.'

**Jacques Cailloux**, a visiting **DPhil** student from the **Sorbonne University Paris**, writes:

## A very enriching stay

I will always remember how much struggle I had to convince the members of some jury in France that working on Latin American financial systems in the UK was not an inconceivable entrepreneurship. On the other side of the Channel, my situation appeared to be particular as well : I had the great honour to be the first French man to stay at IDS! (only 2 French women studied there since its creation).

Nevertheless, those first six months have proved to be highly enriching thanks to the academic environment I have been in and more precisely thanks to the excellent quality of supervision I found in

**Stephany Griffith-Jones** to whom I will always be indebted. Also I would like to mention the very helpful contribution of Latin American students who shared their experience and insights. Last but not least, studying in such a prestigious institution in the development area strengthened my desire to get more and more involved in this field of research.

Hopefully I will go to **Mexico** next year for my field work. I intend to gather data on the Mexican banking system as I am studying the link between financial intermediation and growth in developing countries.



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